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Monthly Newsletter

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Club Minutes

Submitted by Susan Tappan

Opening: Ernie welcomed everyone.

November Birthdays :

16 Cheryl Watts

28 Lorrie Smith

Business:

- **Financial**: We have $2036.92 in the treasury.

Updates:

- **Facebook Challenge** this month is “Transportation”. No club challenge for December.
- **Election of officers** for 2027 was not possible tonight because there were not enough members present. Election will take place at the December party.
- **Outings and dates coming up soon:**
  - Nov 14, 9:00 am: Mountain Springs Church and Cemetery
  - Dec 1 Rome Christmas Parade 7 pm
  - Dec 5 Tate House 11:45 Cost $68 which includes lunch.
  - Dec 12 Old Car City (Ernie)
  - Dec 14 Christmas Party, Bring a side dish. Club provides meat. Place TBD.
- **Dates and outings for 2027**:
  Please check with Lorrie before scheduling club outings. She is the central organizer for this. But if you want to ask about a spur of the moment meet-up, just ask if anyone would like to go. But not on the day of a scheduled outing please.
  - Jan 16: Savoy
  - Feb 20?: Glass blowing in Decatur
  - Mar 13, rain date Mar 20: Shirley Miller Wildflower Trail (Lorrie)
  - April 22-25 St. Augustine Trip

- May Finster's Paradise Garden, Summerville. Lorrie will set up a scavenger hunt. Discount for over 9 people. They can open early.
- June Rocky Mountain Power Plant (JoAnn)possibly with Zahnd Natural Area (Joe)
- July possibly night photography, could even be at Berry (Jason)
- Oct 6-10 Coosa Valley Fair
- Oct 30, makeup Nov 13 Gibbs Gardens
- Nov 6 NG3C Shootout, Berry College

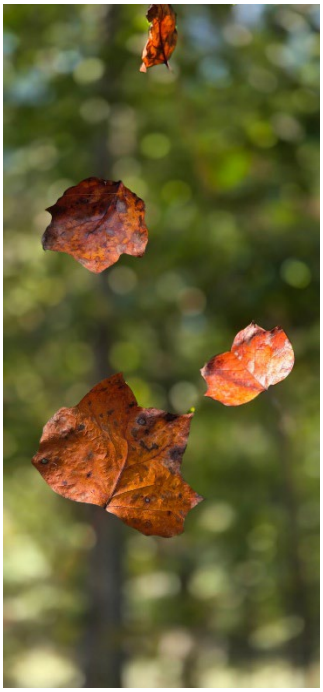
- **Other possible ideas for the future:**
  - Lula Lake Land Trust
  - Smith Gilbert Gardens, Kennesaw
  - Birmingham: Sloss Furnace, Zoo—possible overnight trip in the future
  - Tellis and Booth museums, Cartersville
- Brainstorming possible learning opportunities for club meetings for next year
  - Black and white workshop
  - Hands-on: Light painting, high speed, drone, double exposure, focus stacking
  - Yard sale/swap meet for photo items we don't need anymore
  - Get in groups by camera brand to discuss features and tricks
  - Macro—use of extension tubes and reverse rings
  - Landscape: Jason
  - Hula hoop in small area to find tiny photo opps
- Discussed ideas to get more club members. Ken will invite the newspaper to the December party and get it on the community calendar.
- Need more consistent judges. Certain people can be assigned to judge each month to be told ahead of time. Will try to do better in using the scores to give feedback.

Club Challenge: Images were shown. Open topic this month.

Club Favorite Winners:

Junior:	December Champion
Beginner:	Lisa Hewitt
Intermediate:	Cheryl Watts
Advanced:	Nick Zelinsky
Master:	Jason Blalock





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Topics for **2027**: Submit images to RomeGaPhotoClub@gmail.com

Club images must be submitted by 8:00 p.m. Friday night before club meeting.
Facebook images must be submitted by 8:00 p.m. on the 28th of the month, 25th for February.
Sizing and naming described below.

	Club Topic submit up to two images	**Facebook submit one image**	
Month	**Club**	**Online**	**Month**
January	Scenic/Scapes	Textures	Jan
February	Still Life/Creative	Mirrors	Feb
March	Action/Motion	Passion	Mar
April	People/Portrait	Low Angles	Apr
May	Animals/Pets	Purple	May
June	Scenic/Scapes	Foreground	June
July	Still Life/Creative	Horizons	July
August	Action/Motion	Sense of Scale	Aug
September	People/Portrait	Framing	Sep
October	Animals/Pets	Shadows	Oct
November	OPEN	Looking up	Nov
	End of Year Function	After Dark	Dec

Club Monthly Photo Challenge

Please be sure to follow the instructions below for your photo entries:

- Make sure your images are large enough for presenting but less than 5MB in size.
- 2025 Naming conventions:

Month	Image#	Member#	Level
01-January	01	201-Ernie	Junior
02-February	02	202-Lorrie	Beginner
03-March	FB (Facebook)	203-Joann	Intermediate
04-April		204-	Advanced
05-May		205	Master

Examples: 01-01-201-Master (Ernie January) OR 04-02-203-Intermediate (Joann April)

File Sizes: 2400 on long edge

- Mail images to RomeGAPhotoClub@gmail.com
  - Put Monthly Club Challenge or Facebook Challenge in the subject line
- Send in photos **no later than 8:00 PM on the FRIDAY before the club meeting**
- Images **MUST BE 5MB OR SMALLER AND NAMED CORRECTLY** or they will be sent back to you. See video on Members Only Facebook page for how to resize your images. If you size them by pixels as above, they will automatically be less than 5 MB.

How you are judged according to your level:

When you look at your image, keep the following table in mind. If you are a beginner, look at the points that are important as a beginner to make the best decision on what image to enter for the competition.

Junior

- Correct Exposure
- Photo is in Focus
- Elements of Composition
- Picture is Clean and Well Presented

Beginner

- Correct Exposure
- Photo is in Focus
- Elements of Composition
- Picture is Clean and Well Presented
- Some Level of Impact
- Some Knowledge of When/How to Crop Properly

Intermediate

- Correct Exposure
- Photo is in Focus
- Elements of Composition
- Picture is Clean and Well Presented
- Strong Impact
- Full Knowledge of When/How to Crop Properly
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Advanced

- Should Have Full Knowledge of all Above Principals
- Shows Work and Improvement Through Competition

Master

- Is able to demonstrate competent knowledge and use of all photographic elements listed in other groups from Junior to Advanced.
- Is able to teach and instruct other photographers on specific aspects of photography
- Is willing to lead workshops or lessons at club meetings as needed (not required)

Club Monthly Facebook Challenge

Don't forget to go to the club's Members Only page and vote for the monthly Facebook photo contest. To enter the Facebook contest each month, please follow the instructions below:

- Email entries to RomegGaPhotoClub@gmail.com (mailto:Romegaphotoclub@gmail.com).
- Resize and rename your entry according to the naming convention above.
  Example: 02-FB-201-Master (Ernie February)
- Submission deadline will be **8:00 PM on the 28th of the month (25th for February)**
- A number will be added in the corner of each entry and you will be able to vote by number.
- Voting will take place on the last 2 days of the month via a poll post on the members only Facebook page.

Monthly FB Challenge photos can be emailed to RomeGaPhotoClub@gmail.com starting the first day of the month and will be accepted until 8pm on the 28th day of each month (25th day in February).

Voting will end at 9 pm on the last day of the month. This gives the Vice President time to screenshot the poll and post the winner on Facebook. In the event of a tie, the Vice President will cast the winning vote.